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# LETTER DATED 8 APRIL 1999 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF TUNISIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The States members of the Council of the League of Arab States wish to express their gratitude to Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations, to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Fahd Bin Abdul-Aziz Al Saud, Sovereign of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, to H.R.H. Abdullah Bin Abdul-Aziz Al Saud, Crown Prince, First Deputy Prime Minister and Commander of the National Guard of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and to President Nelson Mandela, President of South Africa, as well as to all heads of State and to international and regional organizations for the efforts they have made to settle the dispute over the so-called Lockerbie affair.

On the basis of resolution No. 5848 of 18 March 1999, adopted by the Council of the League of Arab States at its one hundred and eleventh session and communicated to the Security Council on 25 March 1999, the member States:

1. Welcome the press release of the President of the Security Council dated 5 April 1999, in which he announced the suspension of the coercive measures imposed on the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, following the substantive and practical measures taken by the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to settle the dispute peacefully.

2. Emphasizes that it is important for the Security Council to adopt a resolution in which it confirms the suspension of the above measures, all the more so in that Security Council resolution 1192 (1998), paragraph 8, does not oppose the adoption of a clear resolution by the Council announcing the suspension of these measures and does not deny the need for such a resolution.

3. Also emphasizes the need to lift as soon as possible the measures imposed on the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, within not more than 90 days, as provided for in resolution 883 (1993) and confirmed in resolution 1192 (1998).

4. Invites the Security Council to call on all States that have taken measures and decisions in implementation of resolutions 748 (1992) and 883 (1993) to announce their suspension.

5. Requests that the text of the present letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ali HACHANI
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Permanent Representative of Tunisia
and Chairman of the Group of Arab States

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